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Mickelson Trail Foot March

By MAJ Geoffrey J. Jeram

One hundred percent of one hundred officer candidates successfully completed their 10 mile foot march. For this graduation requirement, each candidate, wearing helmet and

load bearing vest, must carry their M-16 rifle and 35 pound rucksack the march within 3.5 hours.

For the several years, the 196th Regiment Regional Training Institute has planned the candidate's 'milestone' foot march for the George S. Mickelson Trail. The South Dakota National Guard played a key role in the creation of this 109 mile trail along the former Burlington Northern Railroad. The railroad discontinued service along its "High Line" from Custer to Edgemont in 1983 and three years later, when South Dakota guardsman Dick Lee and his Sturgis friend Guy Edwards discovered a salvage agent dismantling the rails and trestles, they initiated a rails-to-trails conversion for the line.



Officer candidates march the Mickelson Trail, 3 July 2008

They raised nearly \$50,000 to purchase the remaining trestles and the interests for the line.

The South Dakota National Guard became officially involved in 1991 when it built a bridge near the Kirk Power Plant just south of Lead and then Governor George Mickelson cut the ribbon on the first six mile section. In 1993, the trail was given the governor's name after he died in a plane crash. In subsequent years, usually in conjunction with its annual Golden Coyote exercise, the Guard decked existing trestles, constructed trail sheds, installed culverts, hauled dirt for dam fill, built bridges, and graded and surfaced the trail. Today, 109 miles of the eventual 114 miles of trail are complete.

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Leadership

By MAJ Geoffrey J. Jeram

"THE WAR SHIP MAINE WAS SPLIT IN TWO BY AN ENEMY'S SECRET INFERNAL MACHINE!"

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So ran the headline in Randolph Hearst's New York Journal after the USS Maine exploded in Havana harbor on 15 February, 1989. Yellow Journalism engaged the popular mind and politics stoked national indignation against imperialistic Spain. Theodore Roosevelt, the Assistant Secretary of the

Navy, recognized the direction the country was heading. The U.S.A., defending the Monroe Doctrine, would be at war with imperialistic Spain within months and he determined to be in the thick of battle. In the old style of Civil War politicians, he raised his own 1st Volunteer Cavalry Regiment of hardbitten, westerners and Ivy League elites. But recognizing his ignorance in Army matters, he asked his friend, COL Leonard Wood to take the command. Roosevelt, himself, would understudy and emulate his friend as second in command.

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Soldiers of the Week

Officer Candidate

OC Curtis Watson, a member of the Louisiana National Guard, has four years of military service, three of them on active duty as a cavalry scout and Long Range Recon Team member in the 11th ACR in Fulda, Germany from 1989 to 1989. Now, he serves in the 20th Special Forces Infantry in Granada, MS. At 40, he is the oldest candidate in his OCS class. In his home state, he is Vice-President of Investment at JP Morgan Chase in New Orleans. His education includes a BS degree in Economics from Texas A&M at College Station, TX, an MBA in finance from Boston College in Boston, Massachusetts, and a Juris Doctorate from Boston College in Boston, MA. His goal is to become an Airborne Ranger. He joined OCS to achieve a higher level. He likes to fish and cheer for the Texas A & M Aggies football team.





Instructor

MAJ Wold of the Washington National Guard has 21 years of military service. MAJ Wold is the 1/205th BN XO. He has served as a Battery Commander and its adjutant (S-1) Officer. He has completed the Intermediate Level Education course. He earned his Bachelors of Science in Physical Science from Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. In civilian life MAJ Wold supervises Radiological Engineering at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton Washington. MAJ Wold has a goal to teach the OC's the real world application of the material they are being taught and how it will be useful to them as 2LT's.

Staff Soldier

2LT Neuharth is a member of the South Dakota National Guard. He has six years of military service. 2LT Neuharth is an engineer with the 842nd Eng Co. in Spearfish, South Dakota. He deployed to Iraq with Company A of the 153rd Engineer Battalion from Wagner, South Dakota. He has completed Combat Lifesaver Course and PLDC. In civilian life 2LT Neuharth has attended the special agent DCI school in Pierre South Dakota. He has a Bachelors of Science in criminal justice and psychology. He also has a Masters of Arts degree in international relations from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.



Monday, 7 JUL	Tuesday, 8 JUL	Wednesday, 9 JUL	Thursday, 10 JUL	Friday, 11 JUL
85° F 61° F	81° F 56° F	90° F 63° F	94° F 65° F	94° F 63° F
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Clear	Chance of T-storms 20% chance of precip.

Stateside News

July 3, Marthasville MO, USA Today: Authorities search for the plaque of pioneer Daniel Boone's final resting place - and for the thieves who took it from the Boone family grave 40 miles west of St. Louis.

July 3, Carson City, NV, *USA Today*: Lawmakers propose to prohibit teens from using cellphones while driving, to have the Legislature meet yearly instead of biannually, and to improve patient safety following a hepatitis C outbreak Vegas.

July 2, Seattle WA, *USA Today*: City Council will raise the pay for veteran police officers in 2010 to more than \$90,000 to attract more officers and end a shortage of applicants.

July 2, Honolulu, *USA Today*: Gov. Lingle and the Board of Education faceoff over random drug testing of teachers. The deadline has passed and board chairwoman Donna Ikeda said she lacks the funds, a position disputed by the Republican administration.

July 2, Omaha NE, *USA Today*: 11,000 customers were still without power four days after a severe storm and 115 mph winds hit the area, officials said.

July 1, Guam, *Pacific News Center*: Governor-led delegation will visit New Zealand at its PM's invitation. The kiwis will pay for the entire visit. Governor's spokesman says this is the beginning of stronger relations with Pacific neighbors.



On this day... 7 July

1456 - Joan of Arc acquitted 25 years after her death

1777 - Revolutionary War: Battle of Hubbardton

1846 - U.S. troops occupy Monterey and Yerba Buena, beginning U.S. conquest of California

1863 - First military draft in U.S.; exemptions \$100

1865 - Lincoln assassination conspirators hanged

1898 - President McKinley signs the Newlands Resolution annexing Hawaii as a US territory

1915 - World War I: End of First Battle of the Isonzo.

1930 - Hoover Dam construction begins

1937 - Japan invades China (Battle of Lugou Bridge)

1941 - US troops land in Iceland to forestall German invasion

1941 - Free France and British troops occupy Beirut

1946 - Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini becomes the first American to be canonized.

1946 - Howard Hughes nearly dies when his XF-11 spy plane prototype crashes in Beverly Hills

1947 - Alien craft crashes near Roswell NM

1953 - Che Guevara starts his motorcycle road trip

1958 - Eisenhower signs Alaska Statehood Act

1967 - Beginning of the civil war in Biafra (Nigeria)

1978 - Solomon Islands gain independence from U.K.

1980 - Institution of sharia in Iran

1991 - Slovenian Independence War ends

2005 - 4 Terrorist explosions in London kill 56 people



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Sports

Football: New England Patriots defensive back Willie Andrews is being held without bail in Mansfield, Mass., after allegedly pointing a handgun at his girlfriend's head during an argument early Monday. Andrews, a backup, was charged with illegal possession of a large capacity firearm and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Baltimore Ravens cornerback Derrick Martin was cited on a charge of drug abuse after police say he was found in possession of suspected marijuana at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Martin, 23, was a sixth-round draft pick in 2006 out of Wyoming.

The Tennessee Titans signed starting right tackle David Stewart to a multiyear contract extension.

Basketball: Two-time All-Star forward Antawn Jamison re-signed with the Washington Wizards, agreeing to a four-year, \$50 million deal. Jamison averaged 21.4 points and 10.2 rebounds last season. The contract clears the way for the team to focus on signing three-time All-Star Gilbert Arenas, who has said he would not return unless the team also resigned Jamison.

Los Angeles Clippers stars Elton Brand and Corey Maggette opted out of their contracts. Brand's move came as a surprise, leading to speculation the power forward will be involved in a sign-and-trade.

Golden State point guard Baron Davis elected to become a free agent, opting out of the \$17.8 million final year of his contract with the Warriors.

Leadership Quote

"Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."
~ Vince Lombardi

Hockey: The Colorado Avalanche re-signed Adam Foote to a two-year contract and John-Michael Liles to a four-year deal Monday. Foote was acquired from Columbus on Feb. 26. He played for 13 seasons with the Avalanche and their predecessors, the Nordiques, before signing with Columbus in August 2005. (Combined news services)

Swimming: Natalie Coughlin and Aaron Peirsol blitzed to world records in the 100 meters backstroke to highlight another breathless day of action at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials on Tuesday. Coughlin sparked the record demolition when she stormed to the wall in a time of 58.97 seconds, trimming 0.06 off her own mark to become the first woman to dip under 59 seconds. (Reuters)

Golf: Tiger Woods does not know when he can play golf again, but he said Monday his rebuilt left knee has been sore his entire PGA Tour career and he looks forward to playing on two good legs. Woods underwent surgery last Tuesday in Park City. He said doctors used a tendon from his right hamstring to rebuild the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, which he said snapped while he was jogging on a golf course last July. "They assured me my long-term health will be better than it's been over the last decade," he said. (Combined news services)

National League	Baseball

East	W	<u> </u>	PCT	HOME	ROAD	LAST GAME	NEXT GAME
Philadelphia	48	41	0.539	23-20	25-21	7/6 v NYM, L 2-4	7/7 v NYM, 7:05P
Florida	45	43	0.511	26-20	19-23	7/6 @ COL, W 10-5	7/7 @ SD, 10:05P
New York	44	44	0.5	22-18	22-26	7/6 @ PHI, W 4-2	7/7 @ PHI, 7:05P
Atlanta	42	47	0.472	30-18	29-Dec	7/6 v HOU, W 7-6	7/7 @ LAD, 10:10P
Washington	34	56	0.378	18-26	16-30	7/6 @ CIN. L 5-6	7/8 v ARI, 7:10P
Central	W	L	PCT	HOME	ROAD	LAST GAME	NEXT GAME
Chicago	53	36	0.596	33-10	20-26	7/6 @ STL, W 7-1	7/8 v CIN, 8:05P
Milwaukee	49	39	0.557	28-13	21-26	7/6 v PIT, W 11-6	7/7 v COL, 8:05P
St. Louis	50	40	0.556	26-21	24-19	7/6 v CHC, L 1-7	7/8 @ PHI, 7:05P
Cincinnati	43	47	0.478	26-19	17-28	7/6 v WSH, W 6-5	7/8 @ CHC, 8:05P
Houston	41	48	0.461	22-21	19-27	7/6 @ ATL, L 6-7	7/7 @ PIT, 7:05P
<u>Pittsburgh</u>	40	47	0.46	25-19	15-28	7/6 @ MIL, L 6-11	7/7 v HOU, 7:05P
West	W	L	PCT	HOME	ROAD	LAST GAME	NEXT GAME
Arizona	44	45	0.494	27-19	17-26	7/6 v SD, W 3-2	7/8 @ WSH, 7:10P
Los Angeles	43	45	0.489	22-20	21-25	7/6 @ SF, W 5-3	7/7 v ATL, 10:10P
San Francisco	39	50	0.438	17-28	22-22	7/6 v LAD, L 3-5	7/8 @ NYM, 7:10P
Colorado	37	52	0.416	25-21	31-Dec	7/6 v FLA, L 5-10	7/7 @ MIL, 8:05P
San Diego	35	54	0.393	21-26	14-28	7/6 @ ARI, L 2-3	7/7 v FLA, 10:05P

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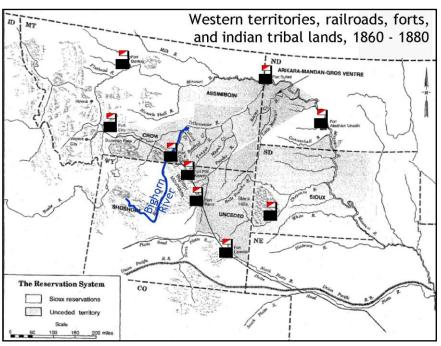
Prelude to Sioux Wars

By MAJ Geoffrey Jeram

This Wednesday, the Officer Candidates immerse themselves in the Battle of Little Bighorn, which occurred during the Sioux Indian Wars of the 1860's and 1870's. During those extremely dynamic years, sectionalism - North and South, East and West - convulsed the country.

In 1860, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri marked the western frontier of the contiguous United States. California and Oregon stood alone on the Pacific coast, separated by a year-long voyage around Tierra del Fuego or by an arduous half-year, cross-country trek through hostile tribes, deserts, and mountains. The U.S., with 31 million people, plunged into Civil

war with unprecedented mobilization, expanding the small army of 16 thousands to nearly 1 million by 1865 and then contracting to 25 thousands by 1875. During that national nightmare, even while 600 thousand Americans died, Congress dared to authorize and finance the first transcontinental railroad, whose construction later employed the surviving engineers and soldiers of the USA and CSA armies. When completed in 1969, the railroad made the country whole - North and South, East and West - with a fertile heartland that captured the popular imagination and beckoned a population exploding to 38 millions by 1870 and to 49 millions by 1880. By then, Grant led the government, Sherman commanded the Army, Sheridan commanded the



Department of Missouri, and Custer led a scouting party that discovered gold in the Black Hills.

Custer's discovery sparked a gold rush into land that rightfully belonged to Sioux or Crow Tribes under U.S. treaties. But the political arithmetic would not be denied, and forced the government, and so the Army, to follow and protect the people, to establish a series of frontier forts (including Fort Meade) to facilitate trade and security. After four years of conventional, high-intensity war supported with prodigious resources, the Army had a complacent attitude like a victory disease. Now the overstretched, meagerly funded Army found itself fighting an unconventional, low-intensity fight with desperately brave Indian warriors determined to retain possession of their ancestral lands.

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Baseball

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East	W	L	PCT	HOME	ROAD	LAST GAME	NEXT GAME
Tampa Bay	55	32	0.632	36-13	19-19	7/6 v KC, W 9-2	7/7 v KC, 12:40P
Boston	52	39	0.571	31-10	21-29	7/6 @ NYY, L 4-5	7/7 v MIN, 7:05P
New York	47	42	0.528	25-22	22-20	7/6 v BOS, W 5-4	7/8 v TB, 7:05P
Baltimore	44	43	0.506	25-16	19-27	7/6 v TEX, L 10-11	7/8 @ TOR, 7:07P
Toronto	42	47	0.472	22-19	20-28	7/6 @ LAA. L 1-7	7/8 v BAL, 7:07P
Central	W	L	PCT	HOME	ROAD	LAST GAME	NEXT GAME
Chicago	51	37	0.58	32-13	19-24	7/6 v OAK, W 4-3	7/8 @ KC, 8:10P
Minnesota	50	38	0.568	32-18	18-20	7/6 v CLE, W 4-3	7/7 @ BOS, 7:05P
Detroit	44	44	0.5	25-17	19-27	7/6 @ SEA, W 2-1	7/8 v CLE, 7:05P
Kansas City	39	50	0.438	19-21	20-29	7/6 @ TB, L 2-9	7/7 @ TB, 12:40P
Cleveland	37	51	0.42	22-22	15-29	7/6 @ MIN. L 3-4	7/8 @ DET, 7:05P
West	W	L	PCT	HOME	ROAD	LAST GAME	NEXT GAME
Los Angeles	53	35	0.602	26-20	27-15	7/6 v TOR, W 7-1	7/7 @ TEX, 8:05P
Oakland	47	41	0.534	27-21	20-20	7/6 @ CWS, L 3-4	7/7 v SEA, 10:05P
Texas	46	43	0.517	21-18	25-25	7/6 @ BAL, W 11-10	7/7 v LAA, 8:05P
Seattle	35	53	0.398	19-27	16-26	7/6 v DET, L 1-2	7/7 @ OAK, 10:05P

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Mickelson Trail Foot March (continued)

An overcast sky had drenched the ground overnight. but the rain had stopped, leaving a cool, misty morning for the foot march on July 3rd, 2008. Shortly after 6 a.m., the candidates stepped off southward from the Dumont trailhead. Soon they were among pastures where curious stallions and mares approached the trail to greet the burly, green soldiers hoofing past in three platoon-sized herds 20 minutes apart. Crossing wooden bridges and railroad fills, the candidates passed Bulldog Ranch, a former bootlegger's depot, inn, and stagecoach stop. They marched past a one-time bordello and a wooden structure shingled with flattened, discarded buckets from the now-defunct cyanide mines. They passed beaver lodges and cattle pastures lined with Lodgepole pines, whose lightweight and straight trunks are preferred for tipi poles.

As they strode through this scenic history, the candidate chain of command slackened neither vigilance nor accountability. "Hawkeye 6, this is Mustang 6," crackled the radio, "We've reached Checkpoint 5." It was the 2st Platoon Leader, Candidate Casey Sullivan, of Nebraska.

"Roger Mustang," replied company commander, Candidate Joshua Lynn of Oklahoma, "I want you to have eyes on all sensitive items...". Outlaw 6 (Louisiana Candidate Joseph Constant) and Trojan 6 (Guam Candidate Bernard Cruz) reported for the first and third platoons as the column steadily advanced past one checkpoint after another.

Soon they penetrated tunnel D, the Mickelson's northernmost of its four tunnels, and soon reached their last rest stop. After a final opportunity to



change socks and adjust equipment, the company resumed the march with less than two miles to go. They rounded the outside of Rapid Creek, and passed through Rochford, which was once a bustling mining town for gold, graphite, and uranium. The leading platoon reached the Rochford trailhead before 10 a.m., within the 3.5 hour requirement.

Major General Donald Goldhorn, the Guam Adjutant General, was on hand to greet and congratulate the platoons as they arrived. All were relieved by the successful completion of the march. Most candidates found the event to be the most strenuous and painful of their physical labors toward their commission. And indeed, the pain of the event would linger for days, manifest as sore muscles and piercing blisters, but the memory of accomplishment and of the trail's beauty will last a lifetime.



Guam TAG MG Goldhorn and Guam RTI Commander MAJ Delfin congratulate the foot marching candidates at the Rochford Trailhead.

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Overseas Visitors

The Officer Candidate School hosted two sets of visitors from opposite sides of the world in the previous week. Major General Donald Goldhorn, the Guam Adjutant General, and former South Dakota Adjutant General, joined the candidates for dinner on 2 July, 2008, after they completed a day of "round robin" style outdoor training on platoon operations orders development and troop leading procedures. MG Goldhorn remained in the area for two days observing the training, which also included their ten mile foot march.

Two German Army Reserve Officers, participating in an American-German officer exchange program, shadowed the OCS Staff, TAC officers, candidates for a week. Major Carsten Preuß (pronounced Preuss), an Engineer Officer, and Captain Henrick Anders, a Military Police Officer, spoke to both the staff and the candidates about the German reserve officer system, comparing it with the American system. Unlike U.S. Guardsmen, all German reservists have served their initial tours on active duty. But German reserve training and duty is not mandatory - they are not obliged to serve a weekend a month or, indeed, at any time during the year. Service is completely voluntary and optional. This is partly because, in Germany, its military does not enjoy the widespread public respect and support that our military does in the United States. German employers are not required to provide military leave and usually frown upon absences for the purpose.

In presentations to the OCS Staff and Candidates,



MG Goldhorn dines with Guam candidates, 2 July



German Major Carsten Preuß congratulates candidates on their Physical Fitness

the German officers introduced their branches, enthralling most candidates with their first glimpses of allied equipment and organizations that they may someday work beside. Their presentations ran well past their allotted two hours, as the curious candidates posed question after question.

At the end of their visit, the officers awarded souvenirs, including a custom made German-American Officer Exchange Program coin and German berets with engineer crests, to the three male and three female candidates with the top Army Physical Fitness Scores.

Congratulations to the top fitness candidates:

Top Male and Female Phase 2 APFT Scores						
Male	Score	Female	Score			
Charles Reinartz	343	Marissa Sissney	338			
Keith Bryant	321	Karla Dembik	295			
Darnell Horner	321	Chere Fisher	294			

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Leadership (continued)

Theodore Roosevelt was born October 27, 1858 into a wealthy New York family. But he was a sickly, asthmatic boy, feared to die, always smaller than other boys his age. When he was eight years old, his father outfitted a room in the home with fitness and strength equipment and had a serious conversation with his son, explaining that some men are born strong but some men are born weak and must make themselves strong. Theodore was one of the weak and likely to waste away and die young. And Theodore replied, as a child would, "I will MAKE myself strong!" And so he began a relentless, self-propelled fitness regime.

He was home-schooled; studying geography, history, biology, zoology, and other physical sciences. All these subjects captivated him. He published his first paper, "The Natural History of Insects," when he was aged 9 and ultimately authored hundreds of magazine articles and dozens of books including his 1882 definitive book, *The Naval War of 1812*. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard College 1880 and began a life of public activism. But after simultaneous deaths of his young wife and his mother he withdrew to the Badlands of the Dakota Territory.

Despite a physical exam where his doctor discovered serious heart problems and advised him to seek a desk job and avoid strenuous activity, Roosevelt embraced the frontier cowboy life, built his Elk Horn Ranch, and served as a deputy sheriff. He learned all the frontier skills and studied the natural environment, becoming a prototype for the cowboy naturalist. He earned money and kept his name in the public mind by authoring dozens of articles for eastern newspapers and magazines about frontier life and history. He returned to politics and civil service in 1888, later becoming Assistant Secretary of the Navy by 1897.

In the spring of 1898, Roosevelt and COL Wood rigorously trained their Rough Riders to a high level and marched them to Tampa for deployment. Due to lack of room on the transports, the cavalry regiment sailed without their horses - except for one - for Santiago de Cuba. After Leonard Wood was promoted to command all Volunteer forces,

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Roosevelt took charge of the regiment.

At the base of Kettle Hill, on 1 July, 1898, he and his volunteer cavalry waited the order to attack, suffering casualties all the while from enemy fire. The Regular Army brigades across the front refused to advance for lack of orders. LTC Roosevelt decided to form his regiment and attack. regiments and soon the regulars, equally impatient and suffering, followed his example. Many of his men dropped from heat exhaustion, but Roosevelt, riding the lone horse, reached the crest with intermingled units including his own leading troops and those of the 10th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers" with LT John J. Pershing. Roosevelt, with a handful of men beside him and now dismounted to pass through barbed wire, continued the charge up adjacent San Juan Hill. The Spanish-American War would end after 109 days with the Treaty of Paris, which gave the United States ownership of the former Spanish colonies of Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Guam.

Roosevelt was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions that day. His fame, and McKinley's assassination, made him president. During is presidency, he signed the National Antiquities Act, which gave the president authority protect "historic landmarks, historic prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest" as national monuments. He signed laws created five National Parks. negotiated a peace to the Russo-Japanese War, for which he became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. His is the only person to be awarded both the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Nobel Peace Price. His is the only 20th Century face on Mt. Rushmore.